

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Zhao in view of Donohue.

Analysis of Claim Rejections

Claim 1 recites an application service system for client devices on an intranet, comprising, *inter alia*:

a service-providing server for registering applications for client devices on the intranet, said applications provided from a plurality of service developers through a wired/wireless communication network, and for providing an application selected from a list of registered applications according to information on the client devices installed in the intranet;

a service agent which automatically requests said list of registered applications at a predetermined interval;

wherein the service agent determines a list of collected applications from said list of registered applications based on the collected information on said client devices, the list of collected applications comprising applications which are appropriate for the client devices on said intranet.

According to the claimed invention, the service agent requests a list of registered applications for *client devices* on the intranet, and determines a list of collected application which are appropriate for the *client devices* from the requested list of registered applications. That is, the claimed service agent retrieves and determines lists of applications for a plurality of devices on the intranet.

The Examiner merely relies on Zhao as allegedly disclosing the claimed service providing server. The Examiner acknowledges that Zhao fails to teach or suggest the claimed

features recited in the remainder of the claim, and instead relies on Donohue as allegedly disclosing these features.

Donohue discloses an updater agent which “is associated with a computer program and which accesses relevant network locations and automatically downloads and installs any available updates to its associated program,” (abstract). The Examiner appears to be asserting the updater agent of Donohue corresponds to the claimed service agent. However, Donohue explicitly discloses that the updater agent only searches for available updates to the specific program to which it is associated (col. 10, lines 16-22). Donohue further discloses that a plurality of updater agents are provided for this reason, each updater agent being associated with a different program (abstract). Clearly, Donohue fails to teach or suggest the service agent as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the applied references. Since claims 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22 recite one or more feature analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1. Applicant further submits that claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-13, 15-17, 19-21 and 23-25 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependency on claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 18 or 22.

New Claims

Additionally, Applicant adds new claims 31 and 32 in order to further define the claimed invention. These claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1, and at least by virtue of the subject matter recited therein.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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